



"Chief 2 Chief"

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HOT ITEMS

• **Congratulations to Alameda County Fire Chief Bill McCammon** for his 2006 'Fire Chief of the Year' award from Cal Chiefs!!

. **State Board of Fire Services met Oct 25th in Sacramento** to address important fire service issues.

. **Next SFT Strategic Plan presentation at T.O.s Annual Conference Nov 14th in Fresno.**

. **League of Cities Fire Chiefs Section Meeting is scheduled for Nov 29—Dec 1 in La Jolla, CA.**

SFM Website:

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov>

Communication: "Say Again"

Welcome to the second edition of the Office of the State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) Chief 2 Chief - designed to give the most current information on statewide fire service issues related to training, prevention, education, and codes. This second edition will repeat much of the first as more chiefs come on-line with the mailing list.

We plan to send this periodically straight to your inbox where in ten minutes or less, you can capture the latest relevant State Fire Marshal news. This information is formatted to serve your needs for quick review and displays of facts with action items highlighted for immediate attention.

Another goal is for this format to be useful and interesting to the state's paid and volunteer fire chiefs. So please send your suggestions and let me know what you would like to see more, or less, of as we build this into a tradition. Sharing information is the intent. Please feel free to pass this update on to your troops.

OSFM also distributes The Fireline newsletter for Training Officers, and the SFM Report, a monthly update for fire marshals and prevention officers. Also, visit our website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/> It is our top priority to keep you informed!

ASFM Kate Dargan

State Fire Training : Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

Over the past several months, we have been focused on assessing the current and future needs for State Fire Training. More than 60,000 firefighters in CA use this as one of their primary means of certified training and career development. The last strategic plan dates back to the 1970's. In the previous issue, we were just getting ready to meet in Riverside with a selected group of 40 plus training offi-

cers and specialists to brainstorm and prioritize the future needs of fire service training. The 5 top goals in the Draft Vision 2020 Strategic Plan are the result of those discussions. These are: Zealous Quality Assurance, Adopt the National FESHE Training Model, Automate the SFT Business Practices, Utilize Capstone Testing, and Integrate Public Safety Training. Each of these 5 goals represents a critical area that has both a present need and a

Action Item

Pull the electronic copy of the SFT Vision 2020 Strategic Plan off the SFM website and discuss it with your Training Officer before he or she attends the annual T.O. Conference in November. Let them know how to represent your department's needs for the next 5 years.

State Fire Training Vision 2020 Strategic Plan (Cont'd)

future core SFT shift. Some are education for fire fighters. By utilizing obvious such as Quality Assurance which starts with more field SFT staff to certify academies, toward more flexible core classes with a monitor classes and instructors, final, performance-based and comprehensive "certification" testing at the end of several classes. And finally, Integrate Automate SFT Business Services. Public Safety Training recognizes that That will shift us out of the paper world and into a more versatile electronic one. Adopt the FESHE Model places us in line with the future of the national fire service training and will help build cross certification and support higher

Capstone Testing we move away from 50-question exams for each class and toward more flexible core classes with a comprehensive "certification" testing at the end of several classes. And finally, Integrate Public Safety Training recognizes that interoperability is really more about people than equipment and seeks to merge the fire service training into all risk and coordinate it with other first responder cert tracks. You may download a draft of the SFT Vision 2020 plan at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>



Key Strategic Plan Elements

1. **Quality Assurance**
2. **Adopt National FESHE Model**
3. **Capstone Testing**
4. **Automate SFT Business Services**
5. **Integrate Public Safety Training**

I-Codes California Adoption

The SFM Office and the fire service continue to move mountains with the I-Code Adoption project. The public comment periods are wrapping up and the final SFM Amendment Package is being prepared for the January 16th and 17th Building Standards Commission adoption hearing. Our SFM package has been extensively commented on, re-worked, mediated and improved with each step of the way. And we are down to the final issues....primarily the

height and area sizes of buildings and the concept of 'balanced' fire protection. That term refers to a mix of both passive (fire walls, rated corridors, construction type) and active systems (sprinklers and smoke movement). During the extensive review and consideration over the past year of the IBC, the 200-person strong working groups, and the 16-person Core Committee comprised of Building and Fire

Officials and fire service representatives, concluded that CA wanted to keep more of an equal balance between these two methodologies rather than rely primarily on sprinklered systems. Our seismic conditions as well as the operational reliability of sprinklers seem to dictate a slightly more balanced approach than the IBC currently provides.

International Fire and Building Codes

People and Events



Dee Tokimitsu

Dee Tokimitsu has been promoted within SFM as the new Asst Deputy Director, SFM Administrative Programs and Support. This is the old Chief Of Operations position but with different responsibilities. Chief Tokimitsu will be managing all the financial, personnel, and business operations for the SFM. The Division Chiefs will take operational direction from the Asst State Fire Marshal.

Both Cal Chiefs and CSFA held their annual conferences this past month in Southern California. They were well-attended and provided both training opportunities and business meetings. **Novato Fire Chief Marc Revere** was sworn in as the new 2-year Cal Chiefs President. Congratulations

Congratulations to **CDF/Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins** for achieving a career capstone accomplishment—CA Certified Fire Chief. Both he and his mentor/sponsor, Chief (Ret) Ronny Coleman deserve professional peer recognition for this significant effort!!